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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ:

1. SECRETARY-DESIGNATES ANNOUNCEMENT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT PRESIDENT'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP HAD BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR WILL, AS YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE, COME AS SHARP DISAPPOINTMENT HERE, ESPECIALLY TO PRESIDENT MEDICI PERSONALLY.
2. AS THE RECORD WILL SHOW MEDICI HAS CONSIDERED THAT HE HAD BEEN GIVEN QUITE FIRM ASSURANCES ABOUT A VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIXON DURING HIS TENURE. MOST RECENT MANIFESTATION OF THIS BELIEF APPEARED WHEN SENATOR PEARSON REFERRED IN VERY GENERAL WAY TO POSSIBLE VISIT (FOLLOWING THE FORMULA THE SECRETARY HAD USED HERE) AFTER MEDICI HAD SPOKEN GLOWINGLY ABOUT HIS OWN VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IN REPLY TO PEARSON'S VAGUE COMMENT, MEDICI SIMPLY SIAD, AND THEN REPEATED: "HE PROMISED." HE WENT ON TO SAY TO ME THAT A VISIT AFTER THE TURN OF THE YEAR WOULD NOT BE GOOD BECAUSE OF THE (MID-JANUARY) ELECTION.
3. MEDICI'S SENSE OF HURT OR PERHAPS RESENTMENT CAN ONLY BE HEIGHTENED BY THE LACK OF ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE CANCELLATION. MOREOVER, WE HAVE SOME REPORTS THAT HE IS GETTING TESTY ABOUT HIS LAME-DUCK STATUS AND WHAT HE
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CONSIDERS TO BE INTERNAL SIGNS OF LACK OF RESPECT.

4. BECAUSE OF THE BACKGROUND OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S PLANNED VISIT AND THE OBVIOUSLY GREAT IMPORTANCE MEDICI

ATTACHED TO IT, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT, IN ORDER TO
ASSUAGE EVEN PARTIALLY THE BRUISED FEELINGS HERE, THE
PRESIDENT SEND A WARM PERSONL LETTER TO MEDICI EXPLAINING
HIS INABILITY TO COME. THE LETTER SHOULD BE SO COUCHED
AS TO PERMIT ITS PUBLICATION IF MEDICI WERE TO DESIRE IT
IN ORDER TO TRY TO PUT THE BEST FACE ON WHAT HE WILL
CONSIDER, I BELIEVE, A DISCOURTESY, IF NOT AN AFFRONT. CRIMMINS

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